

PLAY BALL THE UMPIRE CRIES

The Season Opens on Thursday Next with Quincey at Omaha.

WHISPERINGS OF THE WHIRLING WHEEL

The Ethics of Sport—Pleasure at the Watersides—A Six Day Race—The University Club and General Sport.



EVERYTHING has been put in fine shape at the Charles street park for the opening of the championship next Thursday, May 2. The bleachers have been remodelled and extended, the diamond repaved and rolled, and the whole field furnished up as clean as a newly-swept floor, in which condition Keener McVittie will keep it until the all momentous day rolls round. As a popular day of pleasure in all the metropolitan cities of the country the base ball opening ranks only second to the glorious Fourth, and as Omaha is in the first rank of American cities of course this condition rules here. Never before has there been such extraordinary interest manifested in the national game as is evidenced by the tremendous crowds that have thus far attended all of the opening games in the National league, and that Omaha is affected by the fever that is raging so virulently elsewhere is apparent in the enthusiasm that prevails in anticipation of next Thursday's initial championship battle. At the exhibition games so far this season the local attendance has exceeded that of any previous year, but as there are hundreds and hundreds of fans who take no stock in anything less than a championship contest it stands to reason that there will be an outpouring of the populace next Thursday to see the start made for the flag.

If the day is what it should be, warm and bright, with a refreshing breeze and sunny skies, the hearts of the army of cranks will swell with joy, and there will be an early rush for good seats. Not only are the resident fans interested in the send-off, but the citizens of all the adjacent towns and country are eager for the success of the red-robed heroes who will bear our colors through the great campaign that lies before them, and several of the railroads will run excursion trains on the opening day.

The parade will form in front of Bond's, corner Farnam and Fifteenth streets, at half past 1, and the start made at 2. The barracks band will lead the pageant, and in order will come carriages with the two teams in uniform, then those containing city and county officials and prominent citizens. All the principal streets will be traversed, pulling up at the Charles street park about 3 o'clock, when the band will give the first number of a grand open air concert, which will be interspersed with the game. This first number will be a march composed by Major "Spud" Parrish and dedicated to Captain Joseph Walsh.

At 3:30 Mayor Demis, who will occupy the seat of honor in the directors' box, will deliver a short oration, extending a welcome to the Yellow Boys from Quincy, and wishing the Omahans good luck on their championship pilgrimage. At the conclusion of these ceremonies Hizzoner will break the seal on the box of a brand new Spaulding ball and toss it to Colonel Jack Laxey, at a moment later, will order the opposing forces to get together.

The battle will then wax hot. Who will win? That is the question. If the Quinceys turn in and warm the Walsh family's wammuses, there will be little excuse to talk back on that, is from a managerial standpoint. Both Managers Rowe and McVittie claim that their men are in the highest kind of fettle, and that they will start under a wrong pull. On the other hand, if the Omahans jump upon their country cousins from Illinois and bruise and contuse them after the fashion that never fails to delight the partisan fan, and finally mop up the earth with them, all Omaha will be in a state of beatitude, and the race of '95 will continue with greater interest than ever before. And it is just what I think will happen. Of course, it is not my idea to detract anything from the ability of the team from the confederates of the Sucker state, yet it must be said, notwithstanding their whaled Christ von der Ahe's St. Louis mob of National leaguers, they have made no such showing in the preliminary season against the teams in their own class that Omaha has, and, in form, Josie's lads should almost "back in and win. In any event, it will be a great day. The grounds are already in such splendid shape that only a heavy fall of rain within an hour of the time of calling play can render them unfit for use. So well adapted is the soil that composes the diamond and the field that it requires the heaviest sort of a rainfall, or one of long continuance, to make much of an impression upon their compactness. Absorption is rapid here, too, and the grounds are seldom out of condition for any considerable period. Again it is repeated, with the sun, skies and balmy winds, a mammoth throng will signalize the local inauguration of the championship base ball season of 1895.

Palaver with Ball Players. The first time Omaha shuts out an opposing team on the home grounds Adam Morrell will present each player taking part in the contest with a \$1 shaving ticket. Can it be that Colonel Morrell is developing pears?

Parson Nicholson has been placed at the head of Washington's batting list. Another evidence that Ous Schmeiz is in a fair way to break into an asylum.

Miles Marrott of Lyons, this state, has joined Brackett's Peoria Blackbirds. Marrott is a promising ball player, and there is but little doubt but what he will be able to hold his own in the Western association.

I acknowledge the receipt of a menu card of a dinner given to the Cincinnati team by John T. Brush for skinning my old and esteemed friend Patsy Boliver three straight. The card shows a beautiful conglomeration of colored feet, including green turtle, brown bread, red head duck, black coffee, and blue points.

Buckrino Elbright tried to induce Manager Rowe last evening to trade him Dave Egan for the literary Mr. Gragg. Dave didn't say a word, but there was at least a half pound of double-headed stuff in the curl of his upper lip.

Big "Amos" Rusie, the pitcher we trapped down in Kansas City, will probably round to in fine shape after he has had a little more practice. He must quit trying to light his cigar at the electric light globes, however, and deft that Farmer's Alliance smile of his or it will go hard with him against the rash of life in a great city.

There used to be an Indian up on the Omaha reservation called Much Gull. Wonder if it was Buck Elbright in disguise? You know Hiram was lost for a number of years.

If Harry Gatewood's St. Joe does not soon get a wiggle on them there will be a boom in the locker business down here. Trouble must be drowned, if it keeps over, brewery in the town running day and night.

President Frick of the Des Moines club talks on base ball affairs a great deal after the style George Francis Train discusses psychology. Better stop your ears and not talk so loud, Mr. Frick. You're apt to dislocate your wishbone.

A man was digging post holes out in the

suburbs of Indianapolis the other day, when suddenly his spade struck a hard substance. Investigation showed it to be Peck-a-boe Veach's check. He was dug up, stuffed with bran and slopped over to Fort Wayne, where he signed for one more year on earth.

Beam, the Western association pitcher who was picked up by Philadelphia this spring, failed to shine with the Quakers and he has been farmed out to Connie Strothers of Detroit.

"Runtly" Sweeney, who was with the Western association last season, has caught on in Louisville. Runtly isn't much bigger than a tub of mud, but he hits the ball like a giant.

Little Slag is proving all that was claimed for him by Philadelphia. He covers the cover off the ball yet, his fielding has been superb. He runs like an antelope and bats like a monkey.

There is a growing suspicion that Old Hutch will not be able to hold down first as it should be held down to insure championship chances. Better switch him back to second, put Pace on first and Miles at short—any way until Walsh demonstrates that he is fit to play ball.

With Pete Lohman in good condition, the Omahans claim the best backstop in the association. He has few passed balls, and gets them down to second with whisksers on them, and still he is far from right yet.

There is a good deal of talking being indulged in among the fans that the pitching department needs reinforcement. This is not borne out by the evidence already adduced, however. For in Eagan, Baker, Garvin and Donnelly Omaha is better equipped than any team in the association.

Once more tomorrow afternoon the Lincoln county jakes will brush the hayseed off their heads and tackle the Omahans. It will be the next to the last exhibition game of the season and as a consequence the teams will try extra hard for a "win." Buckerino has got his California back up, and the fans can prepare themselves for a barrel of fun.

The Omahans, during the present trip have shown marked improvement in their team work and will put up an article of the game which will return that will astonish the fans.

Big "Amos" Rusie so far has failed to beat the pretensions of the management and with all his bulk and strength he has even failed to demonstrate that there is anything latent within his gigantic frame. He must hustle up a bit pretty quick or wait for the whistle of the bog train.

There is no sentiment to be wasted upon players in the formation of a regular team for the championship season. It will be dollars in the pockets of the management to do what they have got to do quickly and decisively. If a man shows that he cannot play ball let him out. He cannot learn in a day or a week or even a month. After the club fails to make a good practice, it won't do to throw away any on experiments. Winning ball in Omaha means a tremendous success this season.

That Shaffer is booked for promotion into the National League is guaranteed by the game he is playing. He is not only a terror with the stick, but a felder of the first class, and the best base runner in the Western association.

For the benefit of out-of-town fans desiring of attending games off and on during the season, the schedule of home games is once more published. It is as follows:

Table with columns for Date, Location, and Score. Includes games against Peoria, Rockford, St. Joe, etc.

The Omaha University Team. The All-University base ball team is destined to cut quite a figure on the local diamond this season, for which they are perfecting most elaborate preparations. They have secured a lease on the old North Twentieth street ball park, and in another week will have it in fine shape for action. The team, which has been carefully selected, will be very strong, and under the captaincy of Lyse Abbott should make a great showing. The uniform will be white, with green trimmings, a charming combination, and are expected this week. They have already begun practice work, and on Saturday, May 17, will inaugurate the exhibition season with a game with the Omaha High school team, and on the following Saturday will meet the Wilcox and Bremer School teams. They are also expected to play on the 20th of this month, and on the 27th of this month, and on the 27th of this month, and on the 27th of this month.

Decorations day will witness another important conflict, for on that day the Omaha University team, with the great Stage in control, will be here. In the ranks of the Windy City crew are two Omaha boys, Brown and Clarke, and they are both rattling good players.

In August the Omaha Universities will make a three weeks' trip to the coast, stopping at Butte, Mont., for a game en route. They will also play at Seattle, Leland, St. Paul and Denver, playing the university representatives of each city.

The Omaha Cricket Club. The sporting editor takes this method of informing the executive committee, consisting of Frank A. Kemp, president; Rev. J. P. D. Lwyd, vice president; F. R. Burnett, secretary; Dr. G. R. Young, treasurer; Harry Lawrence, captain; Percy B. Ford, sub-captain; J. C. Doyle, press secretary; A. W. Brown, G. H. Vaughan, C. H. Cookson and C. H. Young of the Omaha Cricket club that honorary membership is accepted with pleasure, and that The Bee will be found ready and willing to assist in the advancement of the organization's interests.

Since the Omaha Cricket club was organized, two years ago, it has made remarkable progress, and enjoys today a most enviable reputation in the matter of excellence. Arrangements are being made with Chicago, St. Paul, Denver, Sioux City, and other clubs to play a series of games during the season of 1895. This fact of itself should prove no mean advertisement to Omaha. The club intend to give special attention to the training of boys and secure competent member will be told off to teach them thoroughly all points of the game. The club has a pleasant grounds at 15th and Emmet streets, where it is proposed to build a pavilion this summer, at a cost of about \$300, for accommodation of members and ladies.

The six-day amateur bicycle race which is to be given under the management of Ed T. Hayden, June 3 to 8 inclusive, is exciting a vigorous interest among the local wheelmen, and the prospects are that the old Coliseum will once more witness the enthusiastic scenes of its earlier history. The arrangements which are being made by Manager Hayden and the very attractive and liberal prize list are also sufficient to guarantee the success of the race. There will be two hours and a half of racing each evening, beginning at 8 and ending at 10:30 o'clock sharp. The entrance fee, \$1, is merely nominal, and competitors are accorded such privileges as were never granted them before in the contest of the importance of this one. The prizes, five in number, are all valuable and well worth striving for. The contestant who covers the most miles in the six nights will be presented with a \$100 high grade special bicycle; the second best man with an \$85 Monaco; the third, a \$40 gold watch; the fourth, with a \$25 silver watch, while the last, or boyer prize, the fifth in number, will be a fifty-four inch bicycle. In addition to these trophies there will be an equal number of special prizes. The man who makes the most miles on the first night will receive a \$5 watch; the second, a pair of \$4 riding shoes; the third, a pair of \$5 pedals; the fourth, a \$3.50 cyclometer; and the fifth, a \$5 pair of boxing gloves. All of these prizes will be awarded immediately upon the announcement of the referee's decision, and these conditions are such as should insure an extra large field of contestants.

On the Lakes and in the Field. First in the thoughts of sportsmen these glorious spring days come rushing in, swimming banks; the singing brooks and the sky-blue waters of our numerous lakes, lay green shores, and the soft breeze of all which, in a voice that is difficult to resist, call them to go a-fishing. This is the time of the year when the blood quickens the angler's veins and all the craft are now busy with rods and reels, with fly-books, lures and floats and the packed away habiliments of canvas and rubber. The preparation and the anticipation of the sport that is to follow. Again comes the recollection of happy days that are gone, happy days spent on lake, river or stream amidst the odorous blossoms on sloping shore, casting for trout, for bass or pickerel. These awakened memories, too, are not without their color of sadness—days that can never be recalled, and in them were comrades now gone forever from our companionship. But there never was anything gained by retaining, and now, in the midst of the new springtime, sportsmen can bend their minds on the golden days ahead, in which they may meet the old comrades on the water, and come home in the gloaming with heavy creel, string or wye.

Senator John M. Thurston and Henry Homan put in Thursday at Sweetwater casting for bass. They are both experts with line and rod and failure is a word missing from the vocabulary of either. They were out on the water, Thurston and Homan are the gentlemen who know just how to entice them ashore. They landed some 120 bass.

Billy Eldridge of Gatch & Lauman's is another who is well up in the science of whipping the stream. He spent a morning wading the Boyer and only one fish was continued the sport because his basket would hold no more.

Casper E. Yost will pilot a party on a several days' expedition to Lake Washington early next month.

Frank Fogar and Billy Nason have leased ground for a shooting park in East Omaha, north of the white lake works, and expect to be ready for business soon. There will be shooting here regularly on Sundays, and through the week on special days, which will be announced.

A party of alleged Omaha sportsmen were up at Stillwater lake a few days ago with a seine. They caught a barrel of fish, but only kept the croppies and cats, so they say. Likely story. If it is right, some croppies and cats how can it be wrong to seine bass. The croppie is a game fish, and many connoisseurs, but I am not included in the list. Most likely very high quality are nice distinctions in the ethics of sport.

Judge Ogden, C. S. Raymond and a party of friends will include in a piscatorial expedition way up into the wilds of northern Minnesota the second week in May.

A special carload of sportsmen, including E. S. Brooks of Hanna, Wyo.; George L. Black of Rock Springs, Wyo.; Charles Brun and W. E. Heathcote of Sioux City and J. N. Malvern of Chicago, are expected to arrive in Omaha on Saturday, May 17. They will be accompanied by Mr. Dewar, G. M. Small, D. M. Chamberlain, A. J. Hunt, W. F. Chambers and Max Gladstone, will pull out from this city for Lake Washington on the afternoon of May 18.

The bill passed by the recent legislature for the protection of Mongolian pheasants was the outgrowth of the interest of sportsmen of Hastings. They intend to attempt to propagate this fine game bird in Nebraska, whose country and climate are said to be highly adapted to the requirements of the bird.

Will Simeral has been retained by the Courtland beach people to prosecute illegal fishermen. The midnight seiner will take warning, as Mr. Simeral is resolved to put a stop to this nefarious business at any cost.

Upland plover have come in in goodly numbers on the broad pastures north of Peoria, where they are not so common as they were before the 15th of July.

Whisperings of the Wheel. C. W. Ashley, formerly of Sioux City and champion of Iowa, has returned to his residence for the season in Kearney, Neb. He will represent the Kearney Cycle company on the path the coming season, and will be a valuable acquisition to Nebraska's racing stock.

Lincoln has the first exclusive cycling newspaper published in Nebraska, a neat little journal called the Nebraska Wheelman and published by Messrs. Howe and Milburn, of whom we have seen active cyclists for years. They will continue their efforts to Nebraska, and deserve the support of its wheelmen.

Bloomers are to be barred from Kansas City. A member of the city council of that place asks that women be prohibited from appearing on any of the public thoroughfares clad in bloomers. The cyclists will organize to resist this sumptuary legislation. The alderman who introduced the measure is too modest for this earth and he sooner be taken from it the better Kansas City will be off.

There is a bill before the Illinois state legislature to license and regulate persons, firms and corporations engaged in the cycle business. Next.

Mr. and Mrs. McClrath, the globe gliders, have come and gone. They were well pleased with the fine treatment they received at the hands of our local wheelmen. They were given a small banquet Wednesday evening by Mr. Randall, the popular proprietor of the restaurant known to wheelmen as the "Pump House," repairing from there to the Omaha Wheel club rooms, where they were tendered a reception, returning to their hotel at an early hour. Thursday afternoon they were, with the crowd of cyclists who had congregated to accompany them, taken on a long journey, photographed by Heyn, and then amid cheers from the throng started again on their long jaunt, at least a dozen lady cyclists being among the crowd, which accompanied them as far as Papillion, Messrs. Hayden and Mullhall going on to Lincoln with them. They were both frank in saying that they were treated better by Omaha cyclists than by any since leaving Chicago.

Messrs. Muhall and Elrod have received their March tandem of one mile each, and doubtless they will enjoy many pleasant jaunts on it.

To those who have predicted bankruptcy and downfall for the League of American Wheelmen, the answer is given in the appended list that are being sent to each member in the Bulletin. By April 10th each week names enrolled than in the whole month of April the previous year. These are not silent witnesses in the case now being argued.

The Nebraska division officers have decided to add members of the League of American Wheelmen a cash contribution of 25 cents on each application for membership they bring. This is an object for them to haul.

League the public will soon have a chance to judge the merits of these flyers. The Tourist Wheelmen run to Glenwood, Ia., today. The distance is twenty-two miles, and the run is one of the prettiest in this vicinity. They will be joined by the Gaytime Amateurs in Council Bluffs, who will accompany them on the balance of the run.

We wish to dispute the statement of the Nebraska Wheelman that Mr. Mockett's one-hour mile in 33 seconds is state record. Russell Condon rode the distance last year in 31 seconds flat.

In an article headed "Where Are We At?" in last week's Nebraska Wheelman they complained bitterly of the action of the division officers in not awarding the state meet to Lincoln. While many Omaha wheelmen would like to have seen Lincoln got out of the hands of the division officers not awarding it to them were of the best. It will be remembered that in 1893 the Capital Cycle club of Lincoln was awarded the meet, and the understanding was that they would offer a good prize list. The meet was held, races won, but many of the winners refused to accept the prizes they had won, being assured by the officers of the club that they would forward their winnings to them. This was, however, never done, and several of the racing men were winners are still looking for the prizes that never came. We would advise Lincoln, if they wish to secure the state meet next season, to see that they do this their duty. Until they do this their bids for the meets will be assigned to the waste basket.

Of course you will attend the cycle show? Bloom the Omaha road race for Decoration Day. It is the largest advertisement for Omaha cyclists this season.

Well, say! Omaha is becoming a cycle town. There is a coming of a club and dealers, an annual road race, a cycle show, a half dozen wheel clubs and a good prospect for a national circuit meet, we are sure. The Omaha stretch, adown which we will come a la Zimmiis—a rush.

The club run of the Tourists called for last Sunday for Calhoun was abandoned on account of the storm of the previous evening. A number of the club made an impromptu run out to McCardle's mills in the afternoon, over the Omaha road race course.

Captain Smith of the Tourists has issued his May run card, and the list includes some of the nicest runs out of the city, a couple of joint runs with other clubs, and a fishing excursion. For particulars, see bulletin boards, etc. Here is the list: Sunday, May 5, Missouri Valley, sixty miles; Thursday evening, Omaha, eight miles; Sunday, May 12, Papillion, twenty-eight miles; this is a joint run with the Ganyemede Wheel club, Omaha Wheel club and the Ganyemede Bicycle club; good ride on Sunday, May 19, Hawthorne's lake, thirty four miles; bring along your fishing tackle and lunch, Wednesday evening, May 22, South Omaha, eight miles; Sunday, May 26, Underwood, Ia., fifty miles, joint run with the Turner Wheel club. All runs start from the "Pump House," 1517 Capitol avenue. Attached wheelmen cordially invited to turn out with the club.

Fredricksen will head the Tourist racing this season, and his chances with regard to his speeding qualities to carry the colors across the tape a winner in the majority of the races the team enters. There are other rank cats very high in the air, Newcombe being about the only one who has had any experience on the track. A number of dark horses will become known this season. South Omaha, May 12, Underwood, Ia., fifty miles, joint run with the Turner Wheel club. All runs start from the "Pump House," 1517 Capitol avenue. Attached wheelmen cordially invited to turn out with the club.

The Ganyemede Wheel club and the Tourist Wheelmen will journey together today, their objective point being Glenwood, twenty miles from Omaha, on the Iowa side. The Tourists will start from the Pump House between 7:30 and 8 a. m., proceeding at once to the Ganyemede club rooms in the Bluffs, leaving there for Glenwood between 8 and 9 a. m. The run promises to be a dandy. Turn out every body and get a whiff or two of fresh country air. It will do you good and drive away the blues.

It is a good sign to see the different clubs adopting the common sense view of club rules, the friendly feeling between the clubs is essential and rapidly becoming a feature. The old saw, "In union there is strength," is unnecessary of comment. Let the good work go on.

Omaha road race, Decoration day, May 30. There will be hundred starters.

Little Williams on Training. OMAHA, April 17.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: There are not so very many riders as of the male sex, and it is a century run without experiencing that old feeling commonly known as "charlie horse" for several days after, and there are probably few lady riders in the city who have ever accomplished it. I was asked by one of them a few days ago how it was I stood it, and I told her, saying that, although a good and fast rider herself for short distance, she had not the powers of endurance for a long run, although her pet hobby was to take a counter-balance record. I answered at the time "from training," but as it may prove of interest to a number of other riders, I will give an answer more in detail. Probably many of you, as well as she, do not know the value of training and conditioning, and do not observe training rules close enough to receive the benefits from their riding. It is a matter of fact, if judiciously and systematically practiced.

That the life of an athlete is a healthy one cannot be questioned. The only proof needed is the sparkle of the bright glow of the cheek, appearing on any of the athletic step and carriage, which tells its own story and always brings to my mind an answer given me when asked, if he were in condition for the approaching contest. Yes, I am in the very pink of condition, and feel as if I were walking on air.

The best of training are the same as those governing good health, and are as follows: Diet, exercise, dress and care of the wheel.

The diet should consist only of plainly cooked, healthy, substantial food; tea, coffee, etc., should be used in moderation. Exercise should be taken judiciously and one should be careful for their work before undertaking so arduous a task. The greatest fault with the majority of riders for their depend entirely on their riding for training. Riding in itself is good, but not sufficient to thoroughly condition one for a hard run; although it is unnecessary to give in position one's riding, it is good, but not conditioning for a contest, a few points will not be out of place and will show their good results if adopted. Wheeling in itself, from position one's riding, is good, but not conditioning for a contest, a few points will not be out of place and will show their good results if adopted. Wheeling in itself, from position one's riding, is good, but not conditioning for a contest, a few points will not be out of place and will show their good results if adopted.

Your dress for the wheel should be as comfortable as possible. Tight clothing, or clothing which by its weight, prevents a free, deep-drawn breath, should never be worn.

As the best of us occasionally get a spill and have bruises and sprains to contend with, I find hot water, if properly used, beneficial. Placed dipped in hot water and applied to the affected parts, covered with a towel and allowed to steam, will give relief, followed afterward by liniment or, what is better, a good massage. In case of lameness, hand rubbing is preferable for giving strength and resting tired muscles. After quitting the ride the clothes should be changed thoroughly for other garments. After taking a bath, rub briskly with a Turkish towel and apply alcohol to prevent the skin from becoming chapped, which, by the way, is fine. It feeds the muscles and prevents getting muscle bound, which is common when riding much.

Now these few points, if followed, will

condition many of our riders for a good record in the much-coveted century; and of the 600 lady riders in the city I hope the majority of them will come in inside the limit and that all will finish. Yours truly, LILLIE WILLIAMS.

A Summer of Sport. That the coming summer is going to be an exceedingly lively one in the way of outdoor sports is evident on all sides. With the professional and amateur base ball clubs, the cricket, tennis, shooting and athletic clubs, the driving associations, Young Men's Christian association in their sports and their minor organizations, the promise is fine for a continuous program of sport from now until the close of the foot ball season in December. This all points to better times. If the people can find time for pleasure and recreation it augurs well for the business pursuits of life. Labor and recreation must necessarily go hand in hand, and where one flourishes the other is sure to be found, and from the standpoint of each at this date it looks decidedly as if an era of unprecedented prosperity is about to dawn upon the State City.

Bench Show in September. The dogs are going to be given another chance to bark and wag their tails. The Omaha Kennel club has fully decided to give a bench show this fall. It will be held during state fair week, September 18, 19, 20 and 21. The club has secured the hall to be built in the corner of Fifteenth and Harney streets, and this will be fitted up elaborately and especially for the occasion. The Omaha Kennel club has secured the hall to be built in the corner of Fifteenth and Harney streets, and this will be fitted up elaborately and especially for the occasion. The Omaha Kennel club has secured the hall to be built in the corner of Fifteenth and Harney streets, and this will be fitted up elaborately and especially for the occasion.

Questions and Answers. The Lincoln gentleman who sends me a 2-cent stamp with the modest request to mail him the names of the days of the week, which come upon eleven different stated days of the week, and to send the cards of the mission of a sporting editor. What he wants is a Lightning Calculator, or Every Man His Own Almanac. He should generally recollect that the sporting editors have brains and are liable to attacks of softening of the same.

UPLAND, Neb., April 25.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please answer in next Sunday's Bee a ball tipped by the batsman and not caught by the catcher within the ten-foot line called a strike?—A Reader.

Ans.—If it is on an attempt to bunt the ball, it is.

OMAHA, April 25.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please describe a chicken fight in the Sunday or Monday issue of The Bee? I want the manner in which they fight especially, and oblige.—A Girl Subscriber.

Ans.—The above request evidently comes from a girl, as it is subscribed for the handwriting is beautiful and delicate, but the incentive for such information is a puzzle. Well, my girl, they simply fly and jump at each other and endeavor to administer a coup de grace with their spurs. Of course they peck at each other, but a rooster's mouth is a dangerous weapon, and they seldom accomplish much with this.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., April 25.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you please give schedule in Sunday's Bee of dates when Omaha plays "at home" for the season?—Joe A. Hays.

Ans.—Enclose 2 cents and write Manager Rowe for a vest pocket schedule.

OMAHA, April 25.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please let me know in Sunday's paper where Pitchers McMacKin, Whitehill, Jamison and Clausen of last year's Omaha are?—B. Reader.

Ans.—Whitehill is with Detroit, Clausen with Chattanooga, McMacKin with Evansville and Jamison with his m.

SCHUYLER, Neb., April 24.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In a game of ball outfielder lets a hit get past him, on which batter attempts to score, but is shut off at the plate, so no run results. Should the fielder be charged with an error? What were the uniforms of Des Moines and St. Joseph teams of 1894?—Schuyler.

Ans.—No. (2) Gray with blue. Brown. WYMORE, Neb., April 27.—To the Sport-

ing Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly give me the respective duties of the captain and manager of a ball team. Also which Jockey of the Bay district, San Francisco, has the best record of winning mounts? I claim it to Felix Cann. Am I right?—W. A. Saunders.

Ans.—(1) A captain handles the team on the field, while a manager looks after all the affairs of the club. (2) You are.

OMAHA, April 25.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly give the underdog, and a great many others, I fancy, some information about the All University association that was organized some time since, and more especially something about the entrance fee, etc., and about qualifications.—Collegian.

Ans.—Drop a line to Charlie Thomas, manager, New York Life building, OXFORD, Neb., April 22.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To decide a dispute will you kindly say in your next issue if in playing croquet a ball is required through an arch, but for any reason the ball happens to roll back to the place from which it had

been required, does the player make the point?—A. B. Ans.—Yes.

UNDERSTOOD. Eugene Field in Chicago Record. Within the dewy morning's hush, When came a sweet-scented thrush, All drop by drop the honeyed tone, Fell on white stars of bloom alone.

I know not did the flowers below Hear all his secret, yet awhile With dawn the daisy turned her eye To greet the daytime in the sky.

Then came two levers hand in hand, On journey toward love's promised land; All bird and blossom, light and tone, Were understood by them alone.

Barbers' unions have been organized at Burlington, Mich., St. Cloud, Mo., Boston, Mass., St. Louis, Mo., and Rome, N. Y.

Carpenters organized four unions last month. Trade is generally bad.



A Clean Sweep.

The "STERLING," "Built like a Watch." The "STEARNS," "The Yellow Fellow." The "CZAR," "Ruler of Russia." The "CRESCENT," "An Honest Wheel at an Honest Price."

MR. J. J. CUSHMAN, trainer of the Stearns' Utah, team, reached Omaha April 23rd, having ridden 2,000 miles upon an 18 Pound STEARNS without a break.

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